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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Henry A. Kissinger  
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for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: National Security Study Memorandum 70:  
Haiti

REFERENCE: Your Memorandum of 22 July 1970,  
Same Subject as Above

1. The assessment of the situation in Haiti prepared by the Interdepartmental Group for Inter-American Affairs on 8 January 1970 in response to NSSM-70 remains basically sound. We also believe that the options described in the interagency paper continue to be a realistic summary of feasible actions in Haiti. The unsuccessful rebellion of the Haitian Coast Guard on 24-25 April 1970, and the subsequent internal purges conducted by President Duvalier, have not substantially altered either the political situation in Haiti or the feasibility and relative desirability of the various courses of action discussed in the interagency response to NSSM-70.

2. This Agency has no recommendation for the adoption of any specific option or set of options. We do believe, however, that the judgments as to relative feasibility of the options and probable reaction to their implementation remain valid.

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